

REMARKS

Careful consideration has been given by the applicant to the Examiner's comments and rejection of the claims, as set forth in the outstanding Office Action, and favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application, as amended, is earnestly solicited.

Applicant notes the Examiner's formal rejection to Claim 1 with regard to the terminology. An appropriate amendment has been implemented to the claim, thereby rendering that particular rejection to be moot.

Applicant further notes the rejection of Claims 1, 4, 6, 7 and 8 as dependent from Claims 1 or 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Hummel, et al. '913 in view of Massie '547, as detailed in the Office Action, and wherein the Examiner further indicates that various features, which are discussed by Applicant as inventive, are not set forth in the claims. In particular, Applicant notes that with regard to the arguments on page 5 of the previous amendment, the particular features which Applicant relies upon, such as the accommodating space being suspended, and positioned beneath the bassinet, and with the bassinet being encompassed by a fabric are not stated in the claims.

Accordingly, in order to clearly emphasize these particular distinctions over the art, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the particular features as discussed hereinabove, indicating that the bassinet is encompassed by a fabric, and moreover, the accommodating space is suspended by and positioned beneath the bassinet.

Concerning the rejection of the claims in view of the prior art, Applicant respectfully reiterates the arguments as presented in response to the previous Office Action. In particular, with regard to Hummel, et al. (U.S. 2,280,913), in that instance, the bassinet unit 11 is supported on a stand, and wherein a separate storage arrangement for various articles, is arranged beneath

the bassinet and must be rolled outwardly in order to afford access to various articles and items which are required for the need of a baby in bassinet 11. This necessitates further space and cumbersome structure enabling access to the articles and does not include an accommodating space, which is suspended beneath the bassinet in a manner analogous to the present invention.

In the present instance, as disclosed and claimed, the accommodating portion for the articles includes a fixing structure adapted to attach the accommodating portion to the bottom structure for the bassinet. Moreover, a cover portion on the side of the play yard is adapted to be opened in a simple manner and folded back to enable access to articles stored in the accommodating portion beneath the bassinet without disturbing the latter or the baby, which may be positioned therein. This, in effect, provides for a simple accessibility to the articles beneath the bassinet arranged in the accommodating portion and in the space beneath the bassinet without having to roll out a complex frame structure. Moreover, in order to refill the accommodating portion with various articles and items required by the baby, it is merely necessary to disengage the fastening means for suspending the accommodating portion beneath the bassinet, refill the accommodating portion with the required articles and then again, suspend the latter beneath the bassinet by attaching the various fastening means. This particular feature providing for the versatile and compact construction which enables improved accessibility to the articles in the accommodating portions beneath the bassinet is not at all disclosed nor suggested in Hummel, et al.

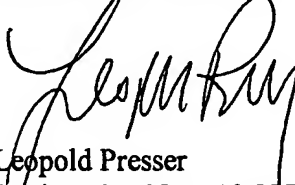
Similarly, with respect to the structure in Massie (U.S. 3,631,547), this merely provides for a rigid cabinet structure beneath a bassinet and also fails to provide for the unique and compact readily accessible accommodating portion for holding articles, which is suspended beneath the bassinet in a space provided for that purpose, and wherein a further cover which

encompasses the play yard is adapted to be opened towards one side to afford accessibility to the articles and also to enabling refilling of the accommodating portion with the required articles, when necessary.

The foregoing structure and function has been clearly emphasized in the amended claims, and the latter are deemed to be distinguished over the prior art, in view of the which the early issuance of the Note of Allowance by the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

However, in the event that the Examiner has any queries concerning the instantly submitted amendment, Applicant's attorney respectfully requests that he be accorded the courtesy of possibly a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention.

Respectfully submitted,



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